A MANIFESTATION OF Divine Love,

OR

Some ſpirituall Breathings, conſiſting of two Generall Epiſtles, directed in Manuſcript to the Flock of God in the Weſt of *England*.

Where they were read to the great refreſhment of many, and now out of a ſincere deſire that Friends in all parts of this Nation (and others) may participate of that unfeigned love herein manifeſted, theſe things are made publick by a Member of the Church of the firſt Borne. *W. H.*

by Alexander Parker

Ariſe, Shine for your light is come, and the Glory of the Lord is riſen upon you: Your Sun ſhall no more goe down, neither ſhall the Moone be hid, for the Lord ſhall be your everlaſting Light, and the dayes of your mourning ſhall be ended, Iſa. 60.

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A Generall Epiſtle to all Friends, and a Salutation to the Saints, ſeparated from the World; with a word of Exhortation to the Church of the firſt borne, in *Summerſet-ſhire*, *Devon*, *Plymouth*, *Cornwall*, and elſe where, in the Weſt of *England*.

EVerlaſtingly beloved Friends, in the Truth of God, and faithfull Followers of the Lamb, in the Regeneration, who are asking the way to *Sion*, with your faces thitherwards; unto you all as one, who are of one mind and of an upright heart, is my love freely given, and dearly remembred, and for you is my ſoul poured forth into the boſome of my Father, and your Father, that by the eternall word of his power, you may be kept unſpotted of the World, faithfull unto him who hath called and choſen you, till you come to the end of your faith, that in the Kingdome which cannot be ſhaken, you may ſit down, with *Abraham*, *Iſaac*, and *Jacob*, being heirs of the ſame inheritance, and partakers of the like precious faith, for which we earneſtly contend, in theſe laſt dayes, with reſpect to that recompence of reward, which is appointed of the Father, for the Seed, which he hath bleſſed.

Oh my Deare, and eternall beloved Friends, and fellow Citizens, a people ſaved by the Lord, and known to him, of all the families of the earth, who is like unto you? how amiable is your habitation, and how pleaſant is your dwelling place? how delightfull is it to meet with you in the Tabernacle which God hath pitched amongſt you, even as Lillies among Thornes, are you ſet before me, who are found walking in the truth, and faithfull to the Lord, and as fruitfull Trees, among the Trees of the Forreſt, faire, and freſh, greene, and lively; yea verily in the light of life doe I behold you, in the beloved, as veſſels of honour, ſanctified, and made meet for the Maſters-uſe, although you were taken out of the ſame Lump, and hewed from the ſame Rock, and of the ſame earth, bloud, and offſpring, that they are of, who yet remaine veſſels of wrath, in the unconverted eſtate, ſeparated from the Lord as reprobate Silver.

Surely, the Lord whom you have ſought, and for whom you have waited, hath done great things for you, yea, mighty things hath his right hand brought to paſſe, amongſt you, glory to his name for evermore: My beloved and longed for in the Lord, let the high, holy, and honourable call of God, which hath reached unto you be anſwered by you, with pure obedience, and his loving kindneſſe with faithfullneſſe, let his manifold mercies be had in an everlaſting remembrance, and declare his noble Acts unto your children, that they may tell it to another Generation, that ſo in Ages to come, you may manifeſtly be declared to be

be a choſen generation, an holy nation, a peculiar people, ſaved by the Lord, and ſanctified by him, through the operation of his good Spirit, which was manifeſted unto you, and received by you, through the hearing of faith. And Friends, in as much as you have many dayes and months paſt, inquired for the new and living way, and now in an acceptable time, as an anſwer to your earneſt expectation, the Lord hath adminiſtred an entrance into it, let his free love conſtraine you all to walk in it as obedient children, that your light may ſhine forth as the light of ſeaven dayes, to the aſtoniſhment of the adverſaries of the Lord, and the ſtopping of all ſlanderous mouthes, whoſe practiſe is to blaſpheme God, and his Tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven; for the Lord is riſen in glory, and in great Majeſty, to ſhake all Nations, and to ſtaine the glory of all fleſh, to aſſemble the outcaſts of *Iſrael*, to comfort the mourners in *Sion*, and to proclaime liberty to the Captives, who hath ſhewed you the path of life, and guided your feet into the way of peace, who is giving beautifull garments inſtead of aſhes, even the garment of praiſe, for the ſpirit of heavineſſe; yea, I bear you record, your light is come, and the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, is ariſing among you, and upon you, in the day of the viſitation of his everlaſting love; and this one thing the Lord requires of you, that is, to obey his Voyce, and the way to manifeſt your obedience, is to walk humbly with him, in a holy life, and in a chaſt converſation, in your place and callings, according to your meaſure

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of the free gift of God communicated unto you; and manifeſted in you to profit withall; and that you may be filled, with the ſpirit of wiſdome, and furniſhed with the heavenly treaſure, unto every good word and worke, my hearts deſire and prayer for you all is that, Grace, Mercy, Truth, eternall Love, everlaſting Righteouſneſſe, and perfect Peace, may be abundantly multiplyed, and increaſed in you, and among you all, that you may be made compleat in him, who is the head of the ſpirituall body, the Church or houſhold of faith, which is builded of living ſtones, upon the foundation of many Generations, for an habitation of God through the Spirit, that in you he may dwell, and be glorified, and over you he may rejoyce, as the operation and workmanſhip of his own hands, who is creating you againe in Chriſt Jeſus unto good workes, which he hath before time ordained that we ſhould walk in them.

Theſe things my Friends I write unto you, as moved of the Lord, for the ſtirring up of the pure mind in you, who knowes the truth and are made partakers of the pure and precious faith which was once delivered to the Saints; and hereby I doe as your ſervant for Chriſts ſake, and in Chriſt ſtead, exhort and beſeech you all to attend, and condeſcend to the counſell of the Lord, directed unto you through him that hath loved and doth love you unfeignedly, as being not only neerly related, but alſo inſeperably united unto you, as a member of the ſame body, whereof Chriſt Jeſus is the head, in whoſe behalfe theſe neceſſary things are brought

brought before you, by way of remembrance, not as if you were ignorant of them, but becauſe you know them already, and other foundation can no man lay then that which is laid; and if any beaſt or falſe prophet, out of the Sea, or out of the earth, nay if an Angell inlightened from Heaven, ſhould bring any other doctrine, or preach any other Goſpel among you, then that which hath been freely preached, and by you received, in which you ſtand, let him be accurſed, and receive none ſuch into your houſes, neither bid them God ſpeed, leaſt you partake with them in their evill deeds: And Beloved, believe not every ſpirit, for ſome deceitfull ſpirits may fall in among you, whoſe wickedneſſe is more ſpirituall, and their iniquity more malicious, then formerly hath appeared, though many of the like ſpirit, and principle, hath been denyed, and declared againſt, and turned away from, by ſome of you, that have known the Depthes and Wiles of Sathan, who letteth and will let untill he be taken out of the way, who is now revealed, and made manifeſt, that he may be deſtroyed, and caſt out, as an Accuſer of the Brethren, and an enemy of their peace.

Truly Friends, My heart is inlarged towards you, and my love abounds to you, more then herein can be expreſſed, or contained, let me be read by you where I am written without hands, and let this be received, as the flowing forth of one ſtreame from the Fountaine; In the fear of the Lord, I write unto you who are called to be Saints,

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both to the Ancient, and Honourable, Male, and Female, in the houſhould of Faith, in bonds, and at Liberty.

Fathers and Mothers, in love, feare, wiſdome, and moderation, rule, reprove, informe, inſtruct, correct, and counſell your Children, and according to their growth and knowledge in the truth, adminiſter unto them, for their edification, and confirmation, and let not your own wills, or a zeale, before true knowledge, uſurp authority over them, becauſe they are the fruit of your body, but look upon them who are begotten of God, and have received the truth, as upon the off-ſpring of God, and equall with you, as in that relation; and if they be ſuch as have choſen the better part, and are made truly wiſe unto ſalvation, deſpiſe not their youth, but be ready to receive inſtruction, or information from them, as well as to adminiſter to them; and if they be ſuch as be out of the truth, provoke them not to wrath, but by all meanes poſſible, labour in wiſdome and moderation, to provoke them to love, and to good workes, that if peradventure you may be a means to gaine them, to the acknowledgment of the truth, in which you have believed, ſo will your renowne go forth amongſt the Heathen round about, and the Lord will multiply and increaſe your off-ſpring, and cauſe them to break forth on the right hand and on the left, to build the old waſt places, and to inherit the deſolate heritages, and herein the Lord will be glorified in you, and by you, and if you abide faithfull to him, he will make you an eternall

nall excellency, even the joy of many Generations, and Crowne you with the first dominion, who first beleeved in the truth, and whom God hath set as the first fruits of his creatures in this Generation.

Likewise all ye Children of the Light, who have received the truth in the love of it, let Honour and Obedience, be manifested to your Parents in the Lord, and for his sake submit to them in things pertaining to this life, in singleneſſe of heart, and receive their counsell with meekneſſe of spirit, and readineſſe of mind, when they speak according to the Word of God, and mind of Christ, that the precious Promises of God you may receive, both length of dayes, and peace in your dwellings, the blessing and presence of God, both in your going forth, and in your coming in, so shall you be for ever established in the Truth, and everlasting Righteousneſſe, and the Lord will give you a name in his house, and within his Walls, better then that of Sons and Daughters, if you continue faithfull unto the end.

And you that are Husbands love your Wives, who are joyned unto you, and given as meet helpes for you, and watch over them for good, to instruct, cherish, comfort, confirme, and establish them in the truth, that you may both come to be joyned, and everlastingly betrothed to one Head and Husband in the Spirit and in the Truth, that here your union may encreaſe, and your offspring may become holy to the Lord, who saw

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that it was not good for man to be alone, and therefore gave him the help of another, who is no more two but one, being joyned in and by the Lord, which thing by ſome of you is witneſſed, according to meaſure.

And Wives ſubmit your ſelves to your Huſbands, in the fear of the Lord, as head over you, to order, guide, and counſell, comfort, and direct, and in all wiſdome, meekneſſe, and moderation, as meet helps and faithfull yoak-fellowes, behave your ſelves towards them, ſo will you have praiſe of men, and favour with God; for the ornament of a meek ſpirit, is the garment of praiſes, and let your adorning be after the manner, and according to the example of the holy and honourable women, in the dayes of old, and this is a thing of good report, which may ſtand recorded for ages to come, that the children yet unborne may hear of your Renowne, and come to the brightneſſe of your riſing.

Likewiſe you that are Maſters of Servants, and Rulers in Families, be not haſty, nor high minded, but in the ſpirit of meekneſſe, rule in love, and in the fear of God, in the authority of Chriſt, as his Servants, and not as Lords over Gods heritage, for he that rules amongſt men, muſt be juſt, ruling in the fear and wiſdome of God, and by this meanes the Lord will bow the ſpirits of your ſervants, in ſubjection to the power of God, when his Law and Government thus comes to be ſet up in you, to order and rule your houſes well, ſo will the Lord honour you in the ſight of men, and bleſſe you in all that you put your hands unto. And

And let as many Servants, and handmaids as are under the yoak, be ſubject unto their own Maſters, to whom they are related by any outward Covenant, contract, or engagement whatſoever, ſerving them with a ready mind, in ſingleneſſe of heart, not with reſpect to their perſons as men pleaſers, and eye ſervants, but as ſervants of Chriſt, and ſubject to men in the thing that is good, for his ſake; And hereby will the Lord be honoured, and his Truth be ſpread abroad in the earth, ſo will his Doctrine be adorned, and your light will goe forth as the Morning, and your Salvation, as a Lampe that burneth.

And all you Priſoners of hope, for the Teſtimony of Jeſus, be ſtill, and waite upon the Lord in patience, all the dayes of your appointed time, for the Lords love is unto you, and your cauſe is owned by him, who will ariſe for your Redemption, and returne your Captivity, as the ſtreams in the South, and plead with your adverſaries face to face, for all the hard meaſure you have received from their hands, which are full of blood: I am as a companion with you to this day, as one bound with you, being a member of the ſame body which the Lord hath prepared to fulfill his will, both by doing, and ſuffering; And ſo unto the Protection of Iſraels keeper, I commit you all; and as a manifeſtation of the love of God, let theſe lines be received, and read, amongſt you, which are written in bowells of love and tenderneſſe, by your Friend in the Truth, and a ſervant unto you, for and in the behalf of Jeſus Chriſt our Head.

Thomas Salthouſe.

To all who are Lovers of, and Believers in the true Light, *Grace, Mercy, and everlasting Peace be multiplyed amongst you.*

DEare and precious souls, for as much as it hath pleased the infinite wise God, who is pure for ever, and just, and equall in all his wayes, who loves Truth and delights therein, who is strong, and mighty to deliver, and able to save from sin and Sathan, bondage, and corruption, all who comes unto him, and waites upon him, in truth and meeknesse, and sincerity of heart, who is the God of the spirits of all flesh, who gives life and breath unto all, who made the World and all things therein by his power, and by his Word which is powerfull upholds all things at this day and time, who is the same to day as ever, in Power and Majesty, his Arme is not shortned that it cannot save, nor his Eye closed that it cannot see, neither is his Mouth shut that it cannot speak, but he lives, and workes, and speaks, and sees, and discernes what is contrived and acted among the Sons and Daughters of men; his living Word abides for ever, and is as quick, and as lively as ever,

ever, as powerfull, and ſharpe, for the cutting downe of ſin, and corruption, as it ever was in the dayes of old and ages paſt, according to the Teſtimony of the holy men of God recorded in the Scriptures of truth, as the many living and true witneſſes at this day doe likewiſe teſtifie, and ſet to their ſeales, that theſe things are true, though the darke World doe not ſee, whoſe eyes are cloſed, and eares ſtopped, and hearts hardened, by reaſon of ſin, that they cannot ſee, nor heare, nor rightly underſtand thoſe things that are of the greateſt concernment, but notwithſtanding the blindneſſe, and ignorance, and the great darkneſſe which is over many thouſands, ſo that they know not the Majeſty, and ſaving power of God, but are laden with (and dayly adde ſin upon ſin) yet a Remnant there are who are quickened by the living Word, who beare Witneſſe to the ſame ſaving, living, powerfull Truth, which makes free, and ſeales up in one Covenant of light, and life, all ſuch as live in the power of it.

Now ſeeing Dearly Beloved, that it hath pleaſed our gracious Almighty God, to appeare in theſe laſt times according to his promiſe declared by his holy Prophets, concerning his great love in pouring forth of his holy Spirit upon his people, and to gather them from off the barren Mountains, and from the mouths

mouths of the Wolves, and all falſe Shepheards, that they might no longer be made a prey upon, nor ſtarved for want of bread, but the promiſe of God, is to feed them himſelfe, in freſh and greene paſtures, and bring them back into the fold of the good Shepheard, and there ſhall be one ſheepfold, and one Shepheard.

Dear hearts, both I, and you, and all the reſt of the Sheep and Lambs of Chriſt, may truly confeſſe, and ſay, that we all like Sheep that have gone aſtray, we were wandring upon the dry and barren Mountaines, and feeding upon the huſkes and empty ſhaddowes, even as well as others, but for evermore bleſſed and praiſed be the Lord our God, who in a good and an acceptable time, did appeare, and ſtretched forth his holy Arme, and gathered us into the fold of the good Shepheard, whereby we are refreſhed, with the favour, and tender loving kindneſſe of the Lord; O what manner of love is this, that even when we were enemies and Rebells againſt God, yet his eye was over us for good, and waited to be gracious unto us, (as he doth now unto the World) not willing the death and deſtruction of any, but rather that all might turne unto him, and hearken to his Voyce that their ſouls might live.

Deare Friends, as the Lord in his rich love hath viſited you, and by his grace called you

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out of darkneſſe into his marvelous light, ſo, deare ones, prize his love, and walke worthy of that high and heavenly calling whereunto the Lord hath called you, pleaſing him in all things, waiting in the light which is pure, (which is of Chriſt) in you, that ye all may receive, wiſdome, and counſell from God, that whatſoever ye doe or take in hand, may be done to the glory and praiſe of him, that hath called you.

Remember and alwayes keep in mind the goodneſſe of the Lord, and let his Word dwell and abide in you, lay it up in your hearts, as a precious and holy treaſure, ſo will ye be kept in a lively ſenſible ſtate, apt, and fit to receive inſtruction from the Lord; The living word ſeaſons and keeps the heart ſweet and ſavoury, ſo that corruption cannot grow there, neither any other luſts, or bad thing, but by the Word it is cut down and deſtroyed, bleſſed are they that keep the Word of God in them, ſuch ſhall be kept in peace and unity, with God, in the light, and there every one ſhall ſee the honourable calling unto which ye are called, he that calls is holy and honourable, and the calling unto which you are called is likewiſe holy and honourable, conſidering what ye are called from, and what ye are called unto, formerly ye walked in darkneſſe, and had fellowſhip with the unfruitfull workes of darkneſſe, now ye are called out of darkneſſe to walke in the light, and there to have communion one with

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another, and fellowſhip with God, who is light, and with his ſon Jeſus Chriſt, who likewiſe declares himſelfe to be the light of the world, in the light is the precious unity, with God, and with Chriſt, and one with another. *If we walke in the light*, (ſaith the beloved Diſciple) *as he is in the light, then* (not till then) *have we fellowſhip one with another, and the blood of Jeſus Chriſt his Son cleanſeth us from all ſin.* They that love the light, and believe in the light, and walke in the light, ſuch receive remiſſion of ſins, ſuch worſhip God truly, ſuch are of one heart, and of one mind, and ſoul, ſuch only are accepted of the Lord, and with, and to ſuch is my ſoul for ever united, and bound up in the Covenant of light, life, and peace: And unto you all who are lovers, and followers of the light, is my heart poured forth in love towards you.

And now deare ſouls, as you have been called to ſuch an high and heavenly calling, mind every one your particular duties, in walking anſwerable to the Lord in every thing, that good order may be kept amongſt you, both in your meetings and ſolemne Aſſemblies, in your ſervice and Worſhip of God, and alſo in your common occaſions and affaires amongſt men; ſomething is upon my ſpirit to write unto you at this time, concerning theſe two weighty things.

And firſt, Concerning the Worſhip and Service of God: That which God requires of every

ry one, is Juſtice, Mercy, and a humble, and orderly converſation, for as it is the love of God by his light to ſhew you his will and mind, ſo it is your duties to doe the Will of God, which Will is your Sanctification, and as it was the manner and practice of the holy men of God, (who were called in the light) to meet together to waite upon God, and to ſpeake one to another, as the Spirit of Truth did move and give them utterance, for the ſtrengthening one another, and building up one another in the moſt holy faith; ſo it is now judged meet, and good, alſo uſefull and neceſſary, for all who are called to be Saints, to meet often together, to waite upon the Lord, that their ſtrength may be renewed: So Friends, when ye come together to waite upon God, come orderly in the feare of the Lord, the firſt that enters into the place of your meetings, be not careleſſe, nor wander up and downe, either in body or mind, but innocently ſet downe in ſome place, and turne in thy mind to the light, and waite upon God ſingly, as if none were preſent but the Lord, and here thou art ſtrong; then the next that comes in let them innocently and in ſincerity of heart ſit downe and turne into the ſame light, and waite in the Spirit, and then ye are ſtronger: One in the Truth is ſtrong, two in the Truth is ſtronger then one, and ſo all the reſt coming in, in the feare of the Lord, ſitting down

in pure ſtillneſſe and ſilence, waiting in the light, a few that are thus gathered by the Arme of the Lord, into the unity of the Spirit, this is a ſweet and precious meeting, where all meet with the Lord, and being thus ſet waiting together, if any good thing move or ſtir in any it will be felt and heard throughout the whole meeting, if a pure ſigh or groane, it will preach and draw inward to the watch, and ſo as all minds are ſtayed on the Lord in ſpirit, is refreſhment to the ſoul, words which are precious, ſweet and good; as the ſtreame is ſweet, ſo is the Fountaine, for if words be good (as it is confeſt by moſt ſorts of people, and that to meet together to ſpeake words is good, to edifie one another, but to meet in ſilence many doe not know what to think or make of it; Now I ſay that words in their place and ſeaſon as they are ſpoken from the movings of love and life, are good and ſerviceable, but all words which are ſpoken in the Cuſtome, and dead forme, though they be never ſo good words, if they doe not ſpring and ariſe from the good word, they are vaine and unprofitable, but words ſpoken in and from the life and Spirit of God, are good and profitable for the ſtirring up of the pure mind, then if words be good) the Spirit from which good words are ſpoken muſt needs be better; ſo then thoſe who are brought to a pure ſtill waiting upon God in the Spirit,

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are come more neaver to the Lord then words are, for God is a Spirit, and in the Spirit is he worshipped, so that my soule hath deare union with you, who purely waite upon God in the Spirit, though never a word be spoken, to the hearing of the outward eare, yet in the spirit of love, I have unity with you, and here is the true feeding, in the spirit, and all who thus meet together to waite upon the Lord, shall renew their strength dayly, and in such a meeting where the presence and power of God is seen and felt, there will be an unwillingnesse to part asunder, being ready to say in your selves, it is good to be here, and this is the end of all words and writings, to bring people to the eternall living Word. So all deare hearts, when ye come together to waite upon God, come singly, and purely, that your meeting may be for the better, and not for the worse.

And if any be moved to speake words, waite low in the pure feare to know the mind of the Spirit, where, and to whom, they are to be spoken, for a multitude of words in one particular meeting, to one and the same people, will burden the Seed, and bring deadnesse; therefore if any be moved to speak, see that they speak in the power, and when the power is still, be ye still, for in the house of God amongst the family there will be little need; But if thou hast skill, goe and cast thy net into the Sea, and gather as many as thou

canſt, good and bad, out of the Sea, and they may be ſeparated the good from the bad afterwards.

And all who ſpeak of the moving of the Lord, I lay it as a charge upon you, to beware of abuſing the power of God, in acting a wrong thing under pretence of being moved of the Lord, for the pure power may move (and then the enemy who goeth about like a roaring Lion ſeeking whom he may devour, he preſents a wrong thing to the view of the underſtanding, and here is danger of abuſing the power, acting that which the true power condemns, and yet pretends the power moves to it (and this is a double ſin) as to bring forth a Baſtard is a ſin, but to father it upon an honeſt man who is not guilty of that ſin, is a double ſin; ſo to act any thing that the true power condemns is evill, but to father the evill upon the power is a double evill.) Therefore let every one patiently waite, and not be haſty to run in the darke, but keep low in the true feare, that the underſtanding may be opened, to know the mind of the Spirit, and then as the ſpirit moves, and leads, it is good to follow its leadings, for ſuch are lead into all Truth; and thus my Friends, as you keep cloſe to the Lord, and to the guidance of his good Spirit, you ſhall not doe amiſſe, but in all your ſervices, and performances, in the Worſhip of God, ye ſhall be a good ſavour unto the Lord,

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and the Lord will accept of your ſervices, and bleſſe and honour your Aſſemblies, with his preſence and power.

And now for the ordering of your converſations amongſt men, ye are to walke by the ſame Rule, that is, when your meeting is ended, doe not look upon the ſervice of God to be ended, but keepe in the feare of God, that ye may receive Wiſdome from God, to order the creatures, that the pure light may exerciſe your conſcience towards God and men.

A time there was at your firſt convincement, when ye ſtood in the croſſe, to the worlds ſpirits, and could not conforme to their Cuſtomes; many of them have ſtood off for a time, and would not Trade nor deale with Friends, but when they ſee your fidellity, and honeſty, they come againe, and many have greater deſires to deale with Friends, then many of their own Generation, becauſe they know that ye will not wrong them, nor deale deceitfully with them, and then the bleſſing of God attends the faithfull, and gives an increaſe, both inward and outward, then is the danger of being lifted up in mind, or drawne backe againe into the earth, ſo that the earth comes over, that will choake, and hinder the growth of the Seed, but as every one keeps in the dominion and power of God, ſo that the earth is his footſtool, then the bleſſing is continued, as love to the Truth is continued; and ſo deare Friends in all companies at all times

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and ſeaſons, ſo walke that ye may be examples of good unto all, and anſwer the Witneſs of God in all, that God over all may be glorified, and you by his power daily kept and preſerved in holineſſe, and righteouſneſſe, out of the Worlds wickedneſſe, not for a day, or a weeke, or a certaine time only, but even all the dayes of your lives, for this is but juſt and reaſonable, that we ſhould yield our members ſervants unto God, who gives us life and ſtrength, and all other good things; glory, and holy praiſes be rendred unto him, of all that knows him, for evermore.

And furthermore, Deare Friends, as concerning theſe preſent overturnings, and theſe great deſtractions, deviſions, and confuſions, in this our Nation, be not ye troubled nor ſhaken in mind, becauſe of theſe things, there is a ſecret hand working in and through all theſe overturnings, and they come to paſſe not without the knowledge of the Lord, for making way for greater things, which the Lord hath to bring to paſſe in this Nation, for much is yet to be throwne downe, before Truth and Righteouſneſſe be ſet up: My advice and counſell is, that every one of you, who love and beleeve in the light, be ſtill and quiet, and ſide not with any parties, but own and cheriſh the good where ever it appears, and teſtifie againſt the evill in all, where ever it appears, not like the children of this World, warring with carnall weapons againſt fleſh and blood to deſtroy

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mens lives, but like Christians, with spirituall weapons warring against spirituall wickednesses, and against all sinfull and fleshly lusts, which warre against the soul, not striking at creatures but at the power, that captivates the creatures, that so the creatures may be redeemed from the bondage of corruption, into the glorious liberty of the Sons of God; so be not ye overcome with evill, but overcome evill with good, so shall you have peace with God, and true unity with all who are of God; the God of power strengthen you in every good word and worke, and perfect his worke in you, to his glory, who is blessed for ever, *Amen.*

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I Rest in the Lord, your deare Brother in the Truth, watching for all your good.

Alexander Parker.

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